

[ORAL ARGUMENT HELD DECEMBER 14, 2020]

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

TIKTOK INC., *et al.*,

Plaintiffs-Appellees,

v.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.,  
President of the United States, *et al.*,

Defendants-Appellants.

No. 20-5302

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

On February 18, 2021, this Court placed this appeal in abeyance, directing that the parties file status reports at 60-day intervals.

The Department of Commerce is in the process of completing a comprehensive review of the Secretary's prohibitions regarding the TikTok mobile application, which are the subject of the preliminary injunction on appeal. Although the Department has made significant progress in its review of the prohibitions and the underlying record, some additional steps remain to be completed. In particular, new and incoming leadership at the Department of Commerce and other interested agencies need additional time

to consider potential options, including whether the prohibitions should be revised or withdrawn. Revision or withdrawal of the prohibitions would likely affect the issues presented by this appeal, and may eliminate the need for this Court's review entirely.

The agency thus requires additional time to review the prohibitions and the underlying administrative record in light of the multiple legal issues presented in this appeal, to consult with all interested federal agencies and offices, and to determine the appropriate course going forward. The parties therefore respectfully ask that the appeal remain in abeyance. Pursuant to the Court's order, the parties will file another status report no later than 60 days after the filing of this report, by June 18, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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